



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Re: MUR 5546  
Ralph Brown

Dear Messrs. Ginsberg, McGinley, and Willard:

Please accept our apology for the delay in notifying your client, Ralph Brown, of a complaint the Federal Election Commission received that indicates Mr. Brown may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The delay was due to an administrative oversight. A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 5546. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against your client in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

On October 26, 2004, we received a letter from you dated October 22, 2004, requesting a 20-day extension, until November 16, 2004, to respond to MUR 5546 on behalf of your client. Due to the circumstances, granting the extension at this time may be redundant as the response to the complaint is not due until 15 days after receipt of this letter. Of course, if you find you still need an extension, please do not hesitate to request another in writing.

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Again, we apologize for the delay. If you have any questions, please contact Alva E. Smith at (202) 694-1650 or toll free at 1-800-424-9530. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

*JEFF JORDAN*  
*BY*  
*[Signature]*

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Enclosures:  
1. Complaint

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